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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: LECOMTE et al

Serial No.:

Filed: July 11, 2001

For: Method And Device For Processing A Gas Containing  
Hydrogen Sulfide And Sulfur Dioxide Comprising A Stage  
Of Removal Of By-Products

Group:

Examiner:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 11, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this application, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before the paragraph beginning at line 3, insert:

This is a divisional application of US Serial No. 09/444,847, filed November  
22, 1999.

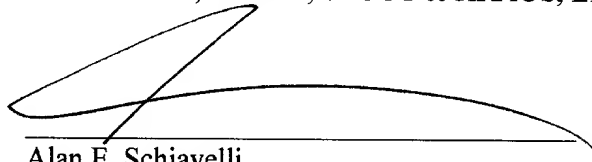
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits of this application. A marked up copy of the amended claims is attached.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 612.37761VX1), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan E. Schiavelli', is written over a horizontal line.

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